The Cabinet, on 3rd April 2023, approved the Revised Energy Policy for Uganda, 2023 (EP2023), replacing the Energy Policy for Uganda, 2002, which guided the progressive expansion of investment in the energy sector for the past 20 years. The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development developed EP2023 with key sector stakeholders, including the Office of the President, the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, and the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives. Others were the energy sector agencies (ERA, UEGCL, UETCL, UEDCL, AEC and UECCC), district local governments, private sector associations, development partners, research institutions, financing institutions and civil society organisations.

The EP2023 shall build on the achievements made in the sector and also address the following:

i. Need for increased energy supply and access to Uganda’s fast-growing population and industrialisation.

ii. Emerging trends and technologies in the energy sector.

iii. Energy demand requirements and utilisation in a sustainable manner.

Vision:
To Achieve Universal Access to Sustainable, Affordable and Quality Energy Services for All Ugandans by 2030.

Mission:
To Ensure Reliable, Equitable, Efficient and Environmentally Sustainable Development, Management and Utilisation of Energy Resources and Services.

Goal:

Policy Objectives

1. Strengthen electricity generation, transmission and distribution infrastructure.

2. Increase electricity access and uptake of alternative modern forms of energy.

3. Enhance utilisation of energy-efficient practices and technologies.

4. Promote sustainable utilisation of biomass.

5. Attract investment with financial sustainability in the development and utilisation of energy resources.

6. Promote nuclear energy development.

7. Promote emerging energy resources; geothermal, hydrogen, wind and other resources.

8. Enhance energy sector governance, capacity building and integrated planning.

9. Enhance the management of the energy-related environment, health and social safeguards.

Guiding Principles

1. Sustainability: Ensuring sustainable energy services delivery and utilisation of energy resources, strengthening local technical capacity, financial, and public awareness.

2. Transparency and Accountability: Development of strong and robust frameworks that enhance transparency, accountability, predictability and security.

3. Health, Safety and Environment: Advocating for sound health and safety in the development and implementation of energy activities and projects. Active promotion of the sustainable management of the environment and natural resources.


5. Corporate Governance: Facilitating and enhancing working procedures that embrace full compliance with the principles of best governance practice.

6. Continuous Innovation, Research and Development: Supporting the development of scientific research.

7. Technology and Knowledge Transfer: Facilitating efficiency, sustenance and market, creating innovations and local knowledge transfer.

8. Partnerships and Communication: Engagement and effective communication among all partners in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of energy programmes.